



Roly Heacox with his Nemith BAP import Parts SAAB #85 on the ice. Courtesy of Joe Corbett archives.

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

**Rally scheduled for Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.**

**“Hill and Dale, Bergs and Hollows” CANCELLED.**

Rally Chairman and rallymaster Jim Bishop was seriously injured in a volleyball accident in early January. He is currently in Sunnyview Rehabilitation Center. He will not be able to continue work on the rally for February. There is no one able to take over the responsibilities at this point. Hopefully the future will have Jim up and about and well enough to be active once again. Please keep him and his recovery in your thoughts and prayers. It will be a very long and hard rehab period and we will continue to update everyone on his health.

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# RE REPORT

Russ Burckhard

What a start as RE this has turned out to be. Half of what I wrote about in the January KO has changed. Jack has stepped down as Assistant RE to focus on other aspects of the SCCA. He will continue as the Competition Chair for Mohud as one of his positions. Jim Bucci has been named as Jack's successor. The rest of the Board of Directors should stay as is.

The TSD Rally planned for Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. Jim Bishop has sustained a serious injury and will not be able to go forward with the event. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim in hopes of a speedy recovery. Thanks to Darryl Carl at Albany Speed Shop for offering up his facility for the start of the rally. I would encourage our members to think of Darryl with their automotive needs. Also thanks to The Orchard Tavern for their offering as the finish line for the rally. Mike Noonan from the Orchard has been a supporter of Mohud for years as host for our monthly and Board meetings.

The go kart event at Checkers s scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>. If this issue comes out before that date, you are welcome to come out and play or watch. There has been some trash talk on the message board and we will see if Jeff can back up all of his talk.

The National Convention is starting February 9<sup>th</sup> out in Las Vegas. I will be one of a number of people going from Mohud. Jack Hanifan, Tom Campbell, John Sheridan, and DJ McArdle are on the list as of this writing. I was also told that Jim and Trish Bucci are planning on going as well.

The Annual Tech Party will again be hosted by Bob Karl at Karl's Sales and Service on April 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great place to hold this event. There is plenty of room for the trailers to park so that the race cars and equipment can get inspected. Hotdogs and soda will be provided.

The Northeast Round Table will be held at the Inn at Pocono Manor (1-800-233-8150) on March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration is only \$25. Rooms are available for \$105 single and \$115 double including breakfast and taxes. You must mention that it is for the Northeast SCCA to get the rate.

Congratulations again to Tom Campbell on having been named interim President and CEO of SCCA Pro Racing.

## Meet Your New Asst. RE

Greetings and salutations fellow MoHud members. It's me, Jim Bucci, your new Assistant Regional Executive. I'd like to tell you a little about myself but before I do I want to thank the board of directors for appointing me to the position. OK, so who is this guy the BOD appointed as the new Asst. RE? Well, next year, 2012, will mark my 25th year as a member of the SCCA. I got my start in MoHud running autocrosses in a parking lot at SUNY Cobleskill; Arn Beebe and I had some great battles in F-Stock with our Mustang GTs. The late '80s and early '90s found me racing in regional events in ITA and ITB VW Rabbits and Golfs. Since then, most of my MoHud time has been spent doing sound control at the MoHud races at Lime Rock Park. I spent many a Friday and Saturday with Dave McClumpha, seated under his blue and white striped "not so EZ-Up" canopy taking sound readings, and discussing all things SCCA and road racing. In 2009 my wife Trish came with us to learn the ins and outs, and beginning last year Trish and I are carrying the sound control torch in honor of Dave. I'm very excited about being appointed Asst. RE, and I look forward to meeting those members I don't already know. See you at the next meeting.

-Jim-



*When we aren't involved in MoHud events, weekends find Trish and I either working around the house, cruising in our Mustang, or out riding our Harleys*

# SOLO Report

Russ Burckhard

February 2011 Solo Report

There is not a lot to report in the Solo world. There is a Solo Advisory Committee meeting planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> of this month. We should have a tentative schedule worked out waiting only for site approval. The Supplemental rules are also on the slate of topics to go over. Some additions and clarifications are needed this year.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of this month I will be going on a trip to Las Vegas for the National Convention. It should be a very busy event. I will be bouncing between Solo and RE meetings over the three days. Next month I will let you know what I have learned.

## COMPETITION REPORT

FEBRUARY 2011

### 2011 February Competition Report

**TECH PARTY-** the Annual Tech Party is scheduled for Saturday April 16th at Bob Karl's Sales and Service, 2791 6th Avenue, Troy, NY. 12 Noon. Bob closes at noon so please do not arrive early. The Region will provide Hot Dogs and Soda, if you would like to bring something else to share feel free to do so. If you are thinking about a vehicle either Bing Bob Karl Sales or use your smart phone to scan the QR code to view his inventory.



**NHMS RATIONAL-** New England Region has scheduled a Rational for New Hampshire Motor Speedway on April 30-May 1, 2011. A Rational is a National Race combined with a Regional. There will be races for all National and Regional Classes. Sometimes there will be both Regional and National drivers on the track at the same time. Drivers with a National License can elect to compete for National or Regional points. Regional Drivers will get Regional points. Since it is a National all drivers will get 45 minutes of Practice or Qualifying and Races will be scheduled for a minimum of 45 miles. Registration is not open yet but keep your eye on the NESSCA website for more information.

**2011 RACE REGISTRATION-** Online Registration for races will change in 2011. The Races will be listed on the NESCCA website but a link will bring you to Motorsportsreg.com. NER, FLR, Glen and MoHud will all be using Motorsportsreg.com for our race.-More information by March.

**FLORIDA RACING-** Pete Smith and Wayne Yetto entered their Miata's in STU and ran The Turkey Trot at Sebring in November and had a 2nd and 3rd. Dave Dartt ran his Datsun 510 in HP in The Sebring Double National last week but had mechanical difficulties.

**ST LIGHT-** New class this year, STU has been divided into two classes STU and STL. Cars under 2 liters will now run in ST Light abbreviated STL

# Mo Hud Board Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2011

Board meeting was held following the regularly scheduled general membership meeting.

Jack Hanifan resigned as Asst. RE effectively immediately. Jim Bucci was approved by the Board as Asst. RE.

Jack was thanked for his work and efforts as RE for the last two years.

February's board meeting will be on the Monday of the week immediately prior to the general membership meeting.

## Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

Secretary – no report.

Treasurer – Chip summarized the previous month's expenditures/revenue.

Membership – Dave provided a brief report, including member anniversaries for the previous month. There are presently 321 members in the Region.

Knock Off – The January KO has been posted on the web. A replacement pg 4 was published, with the correct QR code.

Solo/Rally – Russ advised that the Solo Committee will be meeting in February to start working on next year's schedule. A Rally is scheduled for Saturday, February 26. Start is at the Albany Speedshop, with the finish at the Orchard Tavern. Registration opens at 3:00 pm; first car goes off at 5:01 pm. It will be about 3 hours in length.

PDX – John Sheridan reported that the National Convention has asked DJ to provide a presentation on PDX. More details will be available at the next monthly meeting.

Competition – next year's race schedule has been published in the KO, including driving schools. The tech party is tentatively scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at Bob Karl's Sales and Service in Troy, NY.

Activities – Karting at Checkers Out in Johnstown is tentatively scheduled for January 22. Start will be 2:00 pm. Drivers should show up at 1:30 pm for registration. Approximate cost will be \$25/person.

Old Business – Elks Club, East Greenbush, has been reserved for next year's holiday banquet. Roundtable will be on March 6 at the Inn at Pocono Manor (located near Pocono Raceway). \$25 registration fee includes all meetings and lunch. Rooms are \$105/night for a single, and \$115 for a double. Training sessions will be available on Saturday of the Roundtable for regional officers, steward training, etc.

New Business – Tom Campbell has been appointed as Chairman of SCCA Pro Racing. John Sheridan recommended that the Region investigate holding a Street Survival Course for new teenage drivers. Russ suggested that the Schenectady solo site might be a good venue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

# Monthly Membership Report 01/17/2011

New member report 01/17/11. From: 12/22/10 to: 01/17/11.

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State
Aaryn Reynolds	01/08/11	Wilton	NY
Becky Reynolds	01/08/11	Wilton	NY
David George Reynolds	01/07/11	Wilton	NY
Tyler Reynolds	01/08/11	Wilton	NY
Micaela Smart	12/29/10	Round Top	NY
Verda Smart	12/29/10	Round Top	NY

*There were 6 records printed.*

Interests report generated on: 01/17/11.

## **Club Racing**

Aaryn Reynolds	Wilton	NY
Becky Reynolds	Wilton	NY
David George Reynolds	Wilton	NY
Tyler Reynolds	Wilton	NY
Micaela Smart	Round Top	NY
Verda Smart	Round Top	NY

## **Rally**

Micaela Smart	Round Top	NY
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*There were 7 records printed.*

Anniversary Report generated on: 01/17/11 For the year 2011

Name	Joined on February	Years
Eleanor L. Morris	02/01/66	45.1
Keith Ogden	02/28/05	6.0
Robert C. Huiest	02/01/06	5.1

There were 3 records printed.

***There are 321 members in the region.***

We have some new members but this gain has been offset by either non-renewals or late renewals. The February data should clarify the situation. As yet (01/17/2011) there are no results to report regarding the survey of non-renewing region members. Several have been contacted by Dick Stewart but no clear pattern has yet emerged.

## Webmaster Report

All of the upcoming regional events have been posted. The email address of John Walsh from Finger Lakes Region, our new Area 10 board member, has been posted on our contacts page.

Dave Wachtel  
Webmaster/Membership Chair



The Runoffs, including the GT-3 field, will race at Road America through 2013. Credit: Mark Weber/SCCA

## SCCA Runoffs To Remain At Road America Through 2013

TOPEKA, Kan. (January 18, 2011) – Sports Car Club of America, Inc., announced today that the SCCA National Championship Runoffs® will remain at Road America, in Elkhart Lake, Wis., through the 2013 event.

The 48th edition of the event, which crowns National Champions in SCCA Club Racing’s 28 National classes, will be held Sept. 19-25, 2011.

The extension to the existing deal, originally a three-year agreement through 2011, assures that the premier event for amateur road racers in North America will remain in Wisconsin through the event’s historic 50th running.

“Feedback from competitors and our members indicated that we should extend our relationship with Road America, but the reality is, assuring that the 50th Runoffs is at a track with an equal amount of history and significance is a natural fit,” SCCA President & CEO Jeff Dahnert said. “The 2013 event will be a historic milestone for both the Runoffs and Road America, and we’re looking forward to sharing it, and the next three Runoffs, with them.”

More than 600 competitors participated in 28 classes at the 2010 National Championship Runoffs, which included four days of qualifying and three days of races. Including the 500 volunteer workers that operate the week-long event, the Runoffs serves as the center of the road racing world during that period.

“We’ve seen some of our season’s finest, most competitive racing action during the Runoffs,” George Bruggenthies, Road America President, said. “The extension through 2013, including the 50th anniversary, is a great compliment to our organization. We will work closely with the SCCA to plan a celebration that fits the incredible spirit and passion behind SCCA Club Racing.”

The SCCA National Championship Runoffs moved to Road America in 2009, following three years of racing at Heartland Park Topeka. Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course (1994-2005) and Road Atlanta (1970-1993) previously hosted the event that alternated in its early years between Riverside International Raceway (1964, 1966, and 1968) and Daytona International Speedway (1965, 1967, and 1969).

Dahnert noted that the SCCA Board of Directors intends to initiate a selection process for the event’s location following 2013. That process would likely start in 2012.

More information on the SCCA Runoffs is available at [www.scca.com/runoffs](http://www.scca.com/runoffs).

**About SCCA** Founded in 1944, Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is a 45,000 member motorsports organization that incorporates all facets of autocross, rally and road racing at both club and professional levels. It annually sanctions over 2,000 events through its 114 regions and professional subsidiary. Landmark events and series for the Club include the SafeRacer SCCA National Racing Series; the Club Racing National Championship Runoffs® at Road America; and The Tire Rack® SCCA Solo National Championships and ProSolo Championship at Lincoln, Neb. For more information, please visit [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sccaofficial](http://www.facebook.com/sccaofficial) or on Twitter @SCCAOfficial.

**About Road America** Established in 1955, Road America is located midway between Milwaukee and Green Bay in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Its legendary four-mile, 14-turn road circuit has challenged the world’s best racers for over 55 years. The 640-acre, park-like grounds offer amazing viewing opportunities, fantastic concessions and high-speed excitement to thousands of spectators each year. In addition to public race weekends, Road America offers Group Event Programs, the Briggs & Stratton Motorplex for karting and supermoto, and the Road America Motorcycle and Advanced Driving Schools. For more information, visit [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com) or call 800-365-7223.



*Bill Noble and his Formula Vee.*

## **Multi-Time SCCA National Champion Bill Noble Passes Away On Tuesday**

TOPEKA, Kan. (Jan. 19, 2011) - Bill Noble, one of the most prolific drivers in the history of the Sports Car Club of America, succumbed to a multiple-year battle with blood cancer on Tuesday. He was 69 years old.

A renowned Formula Vee engine builder and five-time FV National Champion, Noble was a bear of a man who had a gentle touch with both a torque wrench and a steering wheel. Bill came from humble origins and built a livelihood from his passion. He was instrumental in maintaining FV as one of the most popular SCCA classes. His "Engines by Noble" won countless races and an incredible 25 National Championships.

Despite competing in an extremely hard-fought class, only a handful of drivers have won more than Noble's five national championships. He was on the podium 13 times. He won the Valvoline ProVee Championship in 1994. Bill has received the Road Racing Drivers Club's Mark Donahue award and the Jerry Knapp Award from his fellow competitors at the Runoffs. In the Kansas Region there is an award named for him honoring his mechanical expertise and sportsmanship. For nearly four decades he was the mark by which you measured yourself in Formula Vee.

Bill was also an avid hunter and a first-rate marksman. He was twice runner-up for the USA Olympic Trap Shooting Team in his youth and remained very competitive in various shooting competitions throughout his life winning a world championship title in live fliers. He was avid outdoorsman and naturalist who loved to camp and fish with his family in the wild parts of North America.

At every race he ran, but especially at the Runoffs, Noble freely dispatched information and advice about everything from motors to alignment to driving technique. To quell the notion that he might be harboring the best for himself, he had a standard offer - anytime a customer wanted to trade his motor for Noble's, he would not only pull it out, he would help you put it in your car. It was not an idle boast, as it happened on more than one occasion

Throughout his racing career Bill always kept his family in the forefront. In the beginning he and his step dad Harvey would go to the races together. Later, his wife Lisa became his world class crew chief and went on to join Bill at the sharp end of the Vee grid as a first rank driver, and is now on the SCCA Board of Directors.

Bill is also survived by his daughter, Dr. Jaime Gassmann, her husband, John, and a grandson, James, almost 2 years old.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross Midway-Kansas Chapter 1900 East Douglas Wichita, Kansas 67214 in recognition of the many volunteers who donated blood and drove the dozens of trips from Wichita to Manhattan to deliver the special blood products Bill needed.

Services will be held at the Milford, Kansas Cemetery on Saturday, January 22nd at 1 p.m.